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The Concordia Stinger Soccer Team fulfilled its brightest expectations this past weekend, when they captured the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union, National Soccer Championship. In so doing, Coach Harry Hus' squad became the first Concordia Varsity Team to win a national title since Loyola and Sir George merged Athletic Departments in the summer of 1974.

Dr. Ed. Enos, Director of Athletics stated, "The winning of the National Championship has special significance to us at this time. The work of soccer players, coaches and administrators from both the Sir George Williams and the Loyola Campuses is an example of what Concordia is capable of achieving through joint effort."

"This is truly a Concordia happening," Dr. Enos noted, following Sunday's 2-1 overtime win over the Dalhousie Tigers. "Several players on this year's team are from the Sir George Campus and this championship shows the capabilities of Concordia when the two campuses come together."

Coach Harry Hus echoed Dr. Enos feeling. "Two years ago Bichelani and Smith were competing against each other. Now because of the merger, they are playing together, establishing the name Concordia nationally."

The Stingers advanced to the tournament by breezing through the Quebec University Athletic Association with a perfect 6-0 record. They won their opening game of the five-team tourney with a 1-0 victory over the Manitoba Bisons. Adel Bichelani scored the game's only goal, while goalie Wally Smith recorded the shutout.

The Manitoba victory put Concordia into the final against Dalhousie Sunday afternoon. The Tigers scored first, midway through the second half, but the Stingers were not to be denied. Rookie Gord Wallace tied the game with four minutes left, and then won it with an overtime goal.

In recognition for their accomplishment, the squad will be honoured at City Hall by Mayor Jean Drapeau on Friday, November 19th at 11 a.m.